Pollution by Generators in UP

†3974. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy pollution is being caused in UP by the smoke emitted by the use of generators on a large scale due to heavy load-shedding by the people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that apprehensions of spreading of a number of deadly diseases among the people due to pollution have increased; and

(d) if so, what action Government are going to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The prolonged use of generators during heavy load-shedding may result in increase in the level of pollution. Regular monitoring of levels of pollution is being carried out. Generally, it is found that the level of air pollution and noise is higher than the prescribed standards at the time of operation of generator sets.

(c) and (d) The smoke exhaust from the gensets could cause health impairments. The standards for the emission norms for the gensets have been worked out for notification under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

Wasteland Reclamation Project in UP

3975. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether five wetlands in Uttar Pradesh which are home to over 33 percent of the endangered Sarus crane population, are being drained under a World Bank funded Wasteland Reclamation Project:

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether it is a fact that Wildlife Trust of India had been Resisting the project; and

(d) if so, the details of the final decision taken?

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